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# RSC Update: Help Small Businesses by Reining in Red Tape

#### From the Chairman

Small business owners recently told Gallup that government regulations are the most important problem they face, and it's a problem that just keeps getting worse. The 2011 Federal Register is already more than 75,000 pages long! Conservatives have looked all year long for ways to relieve our economy from this relentless onslaught of overregulation. The House will take another step this week by passing the REINS Act (Regulations from the Executive In Need of Scrutiny).

H.R. 10, the REINS Act requires both Congress and the President to sign-off on all major new rules created by federal agencies. The end result will be more accountability and fewer job-killing regulations. This win-win scenario is exactly why the REINS Act was included in the RSC's Jobs Through Growth Act.

I also encourage you to print off and distribute copies of this handy Jobs Through Growth Act pocket card. While President Obama's various stimulus proposals seem to be more about his job than anyone else's, the plan put together by House conservatives has the bold ideas needed to make a real, positive impact on our economy.

God Bless.

Congressman Jim Jordan Chairman, Republican Study Committee

RSC Media Activity – RSC members work hard to ensure that the conservative viewpoint is well-represented in all corners of the media. Visit our Media Center for more.

- Rep. Doug Lamborn (CO-05): <u>Constitution Dictates a Duty to Protect Our Citizens</u>; Roll Call, November 30.
- Rep. Lamar Smith (TX-21): <u>The White House Needs to Come Clean on Elena Kagan</u>; The Washington Post, December 1.
- Rep. Steve Chabot (OH-01): <u>U.S. Warned That It Would Defund UNESCO</u>; Roll Call, December 1.
- Rep. Mike Kelly (PA-03): <u>Pull the Plug on Electric Vehicle Subsidies</u>; USA Today, December 1.

• Rep. David Schweikert (AZ-05): <u>Extending Payroll Tax Cut Without Offsets Will Extend U.S. Debt</u>; The U.S. News & World Report, December 2.

## **RSC Member Activity** – RSC members make it a priority to introduce productive, conservative solutions for America's future.

- Rep. Jeff Landry (LA-03) introduced <u>H.R. 3551</u>, the *Social Security Preservation through Individual Choice Enhancement* (SSPICE) *Act*, which turns the payroll tax holiday into an opt-in system, allowing each worker to annually decide if he or she wants to continue receiving the holiday.
- Rep. Pete Olson (TX-22) introduced <u>H.R. 3511</u>, the *Cardiac Arrest Survival Act*, which would save lives and protect citizens who use automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in emergencies.
- House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (WI-01) introduced <u>H.R. 3521</u>, the *Expedited Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act*, which is a bipartisan bill to help lawmakers target wasteful government spending to reduce the deficit and create a more conducive environment for job creation.

# **House Floor Activity** – The following key legislation came through the House of Representatives recently.

- On Wednesday, the House passed <u>H.R. 3094</u>, the *Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act*.
- On Thursday, the House passed <u>H.R. 3463</u>, to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions and by terminating the Election Assistance Commission, and <u>H.R. 527</u>, the *Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act*.
- On Friday, the House passed <u>H.R. 3010</u>, the *Regulatory Accountability Act*.

#### **Outlook** – A quick look at what's on the horizon.

- On Wednesday, the House is expected to consider H.R. 10, the *REINS Act*.
- On Thursday, the House is expected to consider H.R. 1633, the Farm Dust Prevention Act. (See the RSC's April Golden Turkey Award, <u>All We Are Is Dust in the Wind</u>, for more information)
- The Senate is expected to consider Richard Cordray's CFPB nomination, along with legislation on appropriations, payroll tax, unemployment insurance, and Medicare physician payments.

### **RSC Reports**

- The RSC Golden Turkey Award: New FERC Ruling Tramples Private Property Rights
- Each week the House is in session, the RSC Budget and Spending Taskforce compiles a
   weekly report on the latest budget and spending news. Additionally, the RSC Money Monitor
   tracks how bills passed by the House affect authorizations, mandatory spending, and federal
   government revenue.

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